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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9560

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BONN

USIA WASHDC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, CZ

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS

REF: PRAGUE 3093

1. THE EMBASSY AND THE MFA ARE STILL AT A STANDOFF ON VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS. ALTHOUGH THE GENERAL QUESTION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SEVERAL TIMES, MFA SPOKESMEN HAVE NOT REALLY REPLIED TO OUR LAST PROPOSITION AS PRESENTED BY FRISBIE TO NOVOTNY. AT PRESENT WE ARE SITTING ON CETEKAM REPRESENTATIVE TILL'S VISA, AND FREUND OF VOA AND SEEGER OF LATIMES HAVE BEEN DENIED VISAS.

2. IN CONSIDERING NEXT STEP, COULD WE ASK ASSISTANCE FROM BONN AND BELGRADE? WE WOULD REQUEST BONN TO ASK SEEGER IF HE IS INTERESTED IN REAPPLYING ANY TIME SOON, AND BELGRADE TO ASK DUSKO DODER OF WASHPOST WHY HE CHANGED PLANS TO VISIT PRAGUE IN DECEMBER: WAS DODER DENIED VISA TOO? IF BELGRADE IS IN TOUCH WITH MALCOLM BROWNE OF NYTIMES, YOU MIGHT ASK IF HE IS CONTEMPLATING TRIP TO CSSR ALSO.

3. EMBOFF HAD LUNCHEON CONVERSATION JAN 26 WITH MATEJKA OF SIXTH DEPT MFA, USUALLY ACCURATE SOURCE,  
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WHO SAID FREUND IN HIS OPINION WOULD GET VISA

IF HE MERELY LISTED USIA INSTEAD OF VOA ON HIS APPLICATION.

4. DEPENDING ON FREUND'S TRAVEL PLANS, WE WONDER IF IT IS NOT TIME FOR HIM TO APPLY AGAIN. IF FREUND IS AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL, AND DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE WOULD RECOMMEND ANOTHER EFFORT, USING FORMULA PROPOSED BY FRISBIE TO NOVOTNY; I.E., SHOWING USIA (VOA) ON APPLICATION.  
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